

The City of Omaha will receive a \$422,938 federal grant to help fight gang-related distribution of methamphetamine, U.S. Rep. Lee Terry said Wednesday.

The U.S. Department of Justice notified Terry's office that Omaha would receive the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, named for a slain New York police officer.

Terry said the money will help pay for overtime and training in the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Omaha Police Department, assisting their work with other law enforcement agencies on meth problems.

"That's going to be a powerful tool in breaking up the gangs and meth distribution," Terry said.

Omaha police have told him, he said, that more than 80 percent of the meth in the Omaha area is distributed by gang members.

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